

Les AuCoin

In The Oregon Tradition Fighting For Change

For decades, Oregon has been electing politicians who don't go along with politics as usual.

People like Neuberger, Morse, McCall.

People like Les AuCoin.

Les is an effective fighter in the Oregon tradition. Willing to take on the White House, the special interests, the leaders of his own party, to stand up for his state and his principles. And win.

Whether it's fighting for the nuclear freeze or against the deficit, whether it's opposing U.S. actions in Central America, or looking after Oregon's interest in Washington, Les AuCoin is someone we can count on.

We can count on him to know what's on our minds. And to give a piece of our mind to Congress and the White House.

We need Les AuCoin in Congress.

Let's keep him there in 1984.

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A Piece Of Our Mind In The U.S. Congress

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How Les AuCoin Knows What's On Our Minds

Les AuCoin has represented us in Congress for five terms.

But he's as in touch with what we're thinking as he was the day he went to Washington.

One way Les stays in touch is by returning home frequently. Every year, he logs 100,000 miles between Washington, D.C. and Oregon.

He holds town meetings, special hearings, and one-on-one conversations with people everywhere in his district.

And he personally helps local communities solve important problems. Like rebuilding Newport's airport. Cleaning up Sheridan's drinking water. Or modernizing the Port of Astoria.

But there's another reason why Les is so close to us in Oregon — His roots in our state are deep.

He was born and raised here. Attended our public schools. Put himself through an Oregon college. Left home to serve in the Army.

Les married an Oregonian. And he and Sue AuCoin have two teenaged children.

Like a lot of Oregon parents, Les and Sue worry about how to meet the skyrocketing costs of college. About whether their daughter is safe on the streets. Whether their son will have to go off to war.

And they're anxious to make sure their children are prepared for the economy of the future.

All this says one very important thing about Les AuCoin —

He's more than our representative in Congress! He's our *FRIEND*.

Where LES AuCOIN Gave Congress A Piece Of Our Mind

Les AuCoin gives us a direct voice on one of the most powerful committees in Congress, The House Appropriations Committee.

Time and again, he's used his position on that committee and his stature as an independent-minded Congressman to fight for change.

Chopping The Federal Deficit

He opposed 10 of 19 spending bills in 1983, voting for \$37 billion less in non-defense spending than the White House wanted and \$45 billion less than Congress spent the year before.

More than 150 Democrats and Republicans have joined in sponsoring Les' comprehensive deficit-cutting proposal.

The Oregonian said of AuCoin's leadership — "He's the only one with a sensible plan on the table and his colleagues and the Administration ought to rally around it."

Ending The Nuclear Arms Race

Les AuCoin is one of the founders of the Nuclear Freeze movement in Congress. He was one of a handful in Congress who fought off weakening amendments to the Freeze resolution that passed the House in May 1982.

Fighting For Women's Rights

An original sponsor of Oregon's Equal Rights Amendment, Les fought for the federal ERA's passage and supported it again when it lost by 6 votes in the House last year. He is also co-sponsor of the Economic Equity Act to end sex discrimination in pensions, taxes, and insurance.

Protecting Our Timber, Fishing Industries

While cutting Interior Department spending by \$400 million, Les increased U.S. timber sales in Oregon to prevent supply shortages that would harm hard-pressed mill operators. Then he found offsetting cuts elsewhere to finance timber-stand improvement, research and reforestation in our

national forests — investments in economic growth.

For three years, Les has kept Columbia River salmon and steelhead hatcheries from being closed. He saved fisheries management, research and development activities vital to Oregon's sport and commercial fishing industry.

Protecting Our Environment

Les wrote and steered through the House the "Oregon Wilderness Bill," preserving 1 million pristine acres of scenic forest lands and opening up 2 million acres for commercial and multiple uses.

He was a leader in stopping James Watt's plans to drill in wilderness and wildlife areas. Stopped Watt from letting oil companies drill in earthquake-prone waters off the Oregon-California coast.

Investing In Our Young People

Oregon's "Education Citizen of the Year" in 1983, Les AuCoin has refused to go along with White House attempts to slash federal education funding by 30 percent.

Instead, Les sponsored a House-passed measure promoting science and math education in public schools. And sponsored a partnership between the high technology industry and young people to involve the private sector in teaching math, science, and engineering.

Preparing Our Economy For The Future

Les believes international trade offers Oregon and the nation the greatest opportunity for economic growth.

He worked with Oregon's high technology companies to cut red tape and encourage new investment.

He won funds for the Bonneville Lock project to facilitate maritime shipping. And his federal transportation bill is rebuilding the tri-county region's rail and road systems, creating new jobs and new business opportunities.

